

## Music Was in the Air

# Capital Society Glitters At the Symphony Ball

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THE National Symphony Ball brought out the tops in Capital society last night for a glittering evening of dining and dancing in the Sheraton-Paris's fabulously decorated ballroom.

Bedecked and bejeweled guests gathered for cocktails promptly at 7:30 outside of the ballroom for the white tie dinner dance which, at \$50 per couple, benefitted the orchestra.

Distinguished out-of-towners as well as Capitalites vied for a \$7225 El Dorado Seville Cadillac during the Chinese auction; won exciting prizes donated for the dance, and competed in a Viennese waltz contest judged by the famous dancing De Marcos.

A total of \$40,000 was raised by the time the auction concluded. The man who won the Cadillac was E. C. Monell of New York.

The Arabian Nights decor in the ballroom brought nothing but raves. Decorator Harry Bell had flanked the ballroom entrance with eight-foot high silver horses studded with jewels and mounted by life sized blackamoors.

Four more blackamoors set on coral pedestals circled the ballroom. Each one held a swag of rainbow colored material that hung from the ceiling and on the balcony above stood a row of shining silver trees.

Before dinner, guests admired the red and white Cadillac donated by Floyd ~~with a traveling clock, and~~ former Ambassador McGhee who won a case of whiskey.

Other winners during the first part of the auction and their prizes were Noel ~~May, a huge bottle of~~ French perfume donated by the French Ambassador and ~~Mme. Alband;~~ E. C. Monell, an RCA Victor radio; the Netherlands Ambassador, Herman van Roijen, an RCA Victor television set; Phillip Watts, a case of champagne from the French Embassy, and Mrs. H. J. Heintz (of 57 varieties) a handsome silver

cigarette case from the Embassy of Thailand. Another bottle of perfume, by Simonetta, was won jointly by Hobart Spalding and Mrs. Robert Amory Jr.

~~Mrs. Meintz of Pittsburgh,~~ also won a round-trip ticket to Europe by KLM Dutch airlines, a beige cashmere coat from Jelleff's, and a dinner for two at "21."

Morris Cafritz won a round-trip to Rio, given by the Brazilian Embassy and case of Scotch whisky donated by the former British Ambassador and Lady Makins. A case of Italian vermouth donated by the Italian Ambassador and Signora Brosio went to Phillip Strong.

A Canadian fox stole to Mrs. Paul Magnuson, a Cecil Chapman original to Mrs. Charles H. Maddox were some of the other bidders and their "buys."

During the waltz contest graceful couples whirled to the Viennese music of the entire symphony orchestra conducted by Dr. Howard Mitchell—he and his wife were seated with Mr. and Mrs. Carson Frailey. Prizes were a handsome pair of silver frames donated by Mrs. Merriweather Post, honorary chairman of the ball.

Following, the De Marcos put on a stunning exhibition of popular dancing which won reams of applause from the audience.

At the conclusion of the program, presided over by Clark Clifford, Sidney and his orchestra came to the fore and there was general

~~The Australian Ambassa-~~ dor and Lady Spender were the ranking twosome at former Ambassador and Mrs. M. Robert Guggenheim's table. Others there were Gen. and Mrs. Franklin A. Hart; former Ambassador and Senora de Oreamuno; and the former Minister of the United States Embassy in Moscow and Mrs. Walter Walmsley.

Mrs. Jouett Shouse had a table nearby, and sitting with her were Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Perkins McGuire; Assistant Secretary of the Army and Mrs.

Hugh Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Warring Gillet of Baltimore and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Royen.

The Portuguese Ambassador and Senora de Fernandes dined and danced at former Ambassador and Mrs. Orme Wilson's table. Also there were Judge and Mrs. Homer Ferguson; former Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. David McKendree Key; and Mr. and Mrs. Alexandre Crezianu.

Others entertaining at tables were Mrs. Paul McNutt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Finkenstaedt, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Claggett, and Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Magnuson.

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